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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 10/30/2007 and the telephonic interview on 01/17/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4-6, 13, and 16-19 (now renumbered as 1-9).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 10/30/2007 and the telephonic interview on 01/17/2008.

2. **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT:**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mrs. Eunhee Park (Registration No. 42,976) on 01/17/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1.(Currently Amended) A method for providing a command from a client-side host to a server-side host, comprising:

invoking a client-side application programming interface API (API) at the client-side host to pass in a set of parameter objects, and to provide a command object that contains the parameter objects;

wherein each of the parameter objects represents a different parameter of a command, said different parameter representing a different function and each new parameter for the command is defined as a unique new class type;

serializing the command and parameter objects to provide serialized command and parameter objects; and

~~communicating~~ sending the serialized command and parameter objects to the server-side host as the command to determine whether said server-side host supports said different function[[.]],

receiving the serialized command and parameter objects at the server-side host as the command from the client-side host;

deserializing, by said server-side host, the serialized command and parameter objects to determine whether the server-side host is compatible with the different parameters of the command that are represented by the parameter objects, the server-side host determining that the server-side host is not compatible with one or more of the different parameters if the server-side host does not support a class type associated with said one or more of the different parameters, and

reformulating, by said client-side host, the command to delete one or more parameters determined to be incompatible,

wherein:

if the server-side host cannot successfully deserialize at least one of the serialized parameter objects, the server-side host sends an error message to the client-side host to inform the client-side host that the server-side host does not support the parameter represented by the at least one serialized parameter object that cannot be successfully deserialized.

Claims 2-3 (canceled)

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein: the server-side host cannot successfully deserialize the serialized parameter objects whose class type is not recognized by the server-side host.

Claim 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein: the client-side API comprises a client-side of a command-based API.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein: the server-side host uses a server-side API of the command based API to attempt to deserialize the serialized command object and all parameter objects.

Claims 7-12 (Canceled)

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A program storage device, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a server-side host to perform a method for processing a command from a client-side host, the method comprising:

receiving serialized command and parameter objects at the server-side host as a command from the client-side host[[:]], the serialized command and parameter objects obtained by invoking a client-side application programming interface (API) at the client-side host to pass in a set of parameter objects, and to provide a command object that contains the parameter objects, wherein each of the parameter objects represents a different parameter of a command, said different parameter representing a different function and each new parameter for the command is defined as a unique new class type, and serializing the command and parameter objects to provide serialized command and parameter objects;

deserializing, by said server-side host, the serialized command and parameter objects to determine whether the server-side host is compatible with the different parameters of the command that are represented by the parameter objects, the server-side host determining that the server-side host is not compatible with one or more of the different parameters if the server-side host does not support a class type associated with said one or more of the different parameters, and

reformulating, by said client-side host, the command to delete one or more parameters determined to be incompatible,

wherein:

if the server-side host cannot successfully deserialize at least one of the serialized parameter objects, the server-side host sends an error message to the client-side host to inform the client-side host that the server-side host does not support the parameter represented by the at least one serialized parameter object that cannot be successfully deserialized.

~~wherein the command object contains the parameter objects, and each of the parameter objects represents a different parameter of the command, said different parameter representing a different function and each new parameter for the command is defined as a unique new class type; and~~

~~deserializing the serialized command and parameter objects to determine whether the server-side host supports said different function, the server-side host determining that the server-side host is not compatible with one or more of the different parameters if the~~

~~server-side host does not support a class type associated with said one or more of the
different parameters, and~~

~~said client-side host reformulating the command to delete one or more parameters
determined to be incompatible.~~

Claims 14-15 (canceled)

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 13, wherein:
the server-side host cannot successfully deserialize the serialized parameter objects
whose class type is not recognized by the server-side host.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim 13, wherein:
the server-side host uses a server-side API of a command based API to attempt to
deserialize the serialized command and all parameter objects.

Claim 18. (Original) The program storage device of claim 17, wherein:
the serialized command and parameter objects are obtained at the client-side host by
invoking a client-side API at the client-side host that comprises a client-side of the
command- based API.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including:
receiving ~~an~~ the error message from the server-side host that said function is not

supported; locating a second server-side host that supports said function; and
communicating the serialized command and the parameter objects to the second server-side host.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VAN H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3765. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30AM - 6:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, WILLIAM THOMSON can be reached at (571) 272-3718.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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